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Undue favour drawn by DPW in the purchase of Wireless System

3535. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "Home officials may face probe by CVO" appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi on 9th February, 2000;
- (b) whether the Director of Police Wireless (DPW) went as an expert on foreign tour sponsored by US multinational MOTOROLA alongwith other officials;
- (c) whether on return, DPW recommended for the purchase of a particular wireless system from Motorola at exorbitant price resulting in loss of more than Rs.2 crores; and
- (d) if so, the details of such visit and purchase of wireless equipment and action taken against officials for showing undue favour to a particular firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. It was the Government which had deputed a team of three officers including the Director in the Directorate of Communication (Police Wireless) to visit USA for the purpose of making an on-site functional and critical assessment of the UHF Digital Trunked Radio System offered by two foreign companies for use of Delhi Police.

The recommendation to purchase UHF Digital Trunked Radio System from M/s Motorola was thereafter made by an inter-departmental Committee after it satisfied itself that the System offered was technologically far superior to the System offered by another competing Company. The question of extending any undue favour does not, therefore, arise.